

three months of the next year preceding, the expenses shall be paid by the local board of health.

1904, art. 43, sec. 19. 1898, ch. 312, sec. 6 N.

21. To defray the necessary expenses of the office of state registrar of vital statistics, including rent, stationery, books of record, printed form of certificates and permits, indexes, postage and clerical expenses, the state board of health shall receive a sum of eighteen hundred dollars annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at such times and in such sums as may be directed by the board.

Ibid. sec. 20. 1888, art. 43, sec. 7. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 8. 1898, ch. 312.

22. Each member of the state board of health shall receive the sum of five dollars per day for each day's attendance at the meetings of the board, and while employed in the service of the board. Such necessary expenses of the board as the comptroller of the treasury shall audit, on presentation of an itemized account, with vouchers, and the certificates of the board shall be paid; provided, that such expenses shall not exceed annually the sum of two thousand dollars which is hereby appropriated from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Ibid. sec. 21. 1888, art. 43, sec. 8. 1886, ch. 22, sec. 1. 1898, ch. 312.
1902, ch. 159.

23. Whenever the state board of health shall have cause to believe that there is any danger of cholera, small-pox or other contagious or infectious disease invading the State or country, it shall be the duty of the said board to take such action and adopt and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of such infectious or contagious disease within this State, and any person or persons or corporations refusing or neglecting to obey such rules and regulations, after due notice thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars for every such offense. Whenever necessary, the State board of health may call public conference of health officers, or may, by a vote of a majority of its members, send a delegate to any conference of local, State or national health officers.

1910, ch. 560, sec. 21 A (p. 140).

24. The state board of health is authorized and empowered to establish five bureaus, to be known as the bureau of communicable diseases, the bureau of bacteriology, the bureau of chemistry, the bureau of sanitary engineering and the bureau of vital statistics.

1910, ch. 560, sec. 21 B (p. 141).

25. The bureau of communicable diseases shall secure accurate and complete returns of communicable diseases in Maryland; it shall examine into the prevalence and causes of such diseases and devise means for their control; it shall examine into and investigate epidemics and